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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on February 20, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

AMENDMENT

Please cancel claims 1-4, 8-11, 13, 14, and 28-74, and add claims 83-262 such that pending claims 75-262 are as follows:

A method of enhancing milk component production in a ruminant, the method 75. comprising:

providing a feed that comprises sorbitol; and

supplying the sorbitol to the abomasum of the ruminant.

76. The method of claim 75 wherein supplying the sorbitol to the abomasum of the ruminant comprises:

> protecting the sorbitol from significant alteration in the rumen of the ruminant; and orally feeding the feed to the ruminant.

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